

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : TO BE ASSIGNED, WHICH IS A NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
PCT/JP2005/000788, FILED JANUARY 21, 2005  
Applicant : SUGA, *ET AL.*  
Filed : CONCURRENTLY HERewith  
Title : JOINING METHOD AND DEVICE PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD AND  
JOINING UNIT

Art Unit : TO BE ASSIGNED  
Examiner : TO BE ASSIGNED

Atty Docket No. : YANE-0003-US1

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.